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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a) FY 2006 (Fees pursuant to the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005 (H.R. 4818).)		Docket Number (Optional) BAF-15502/29
Application Number 10/680,468-Conf. #5172	Filed October 7, 2003	
For ARTIFICIAL DISC AND JOINT REPLACEMENTS WITH IMPROVED KINEMATICS AND WEAR		
Art Unit 3738	Examiner S. J. J. Gherbi	

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a reply in the above identified application.

The requested extension and fee are as follows (check time period desired and enter the appropriate fee below):

	<u>Fee</u>	<u>Small Entity Fee</u>	
☒ One month (37 CFR 1.17(a)(1))	\$120	\$60	\$ <u>60.00</u>
☐ Two months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(2))	\$450	\$225	\$ _____
☐ Three months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(3))	\$1020	\$510	\$ _____
☐ Four months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(4))	\$1590	\$795	\$ _____
☐ Five months (37 CFR 1.17(a)(5))	\$2160	\$1080	\$ _____

☒ Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.
☐ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
☐ Payment by credit card.
☐ The Director has already been authorized to charge fees in this application to a Deposit Account.
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 07-1180 . I have enclosed a duplicate copy of this sheet.

I am the ☐ applicant/inventor.
 ☐ assignee of record of the entire interest. See 37 CFR 3.71.
 Statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b) is enclosed. (Form PTO/SB/96).
 ☒ attorney or agent of record. Registration Number 37,424
 ☐ attorney or agent under 37 CFR 1.34.
 Registration number if acting under 37 CFR 1.34 _____

/John G. Posal
Signature

John G. Posal
Typed or printed name

May 24, 2007
Date

(734) 913-9300
Telephone Number

NOTE: Signatures of all the inventors or assignees of record of the entire interest or their representative(s) are required. Submit multiple forms if more than one signature is required, see below.

☐ Total of 1 forms are submitted.